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Poetry.

For the Christian Recorder.

THE VOICES OF THE RAIN.

Hear the dreary, dreary rain,
Beneath the wide-spread
Casting little ones to sleep;
Casting aged forms to woe;
Murmuring through the falling amber,
Moving from house to house,
O, the dreary, dreary rain!

Hear the cheerful, cheerful rain,
Laughing through the golden grain!
Waking up-tings in the meadow,
Which the sad old oak o'ershadow;
Fanning soft the falling dews—
That have drooped their heads for hours,
O, the cheerful, cheerful rain!

Hear the tearful, tearful rain,
Sobbing o'er the battle-plain!
Where the mother fondly grieves,
Where death closed life's tangled story—
Tear-drops in its walled stream,
Tears—instead of dew's perfume,
O, the tearful, tearful rain!

Hear the wailing, wailing rain,
In the broken and stormy main!
On the reef's lonely eastern,
Where the vessel's fate is waiting—
Children led away to dying,
Here in some and coast their number,
O, the wailing, wailing rain!

Hark, the solemn, solemn rain,
Meaning o'er the battle-plain!
Casting here a drop, and sighing
For the loved, so missed in dying,
Waken above them flowers are falling,
Hark to the wailing, wailing rain!
O, the solemn, solemn rain!

HENRY T.

Original Story.

For the Christian Recorder.

MINNIE BACCHOF.

BY MRS. J. F. W. BARBER.

CHARLES BACCHOF.

"Friend Carpenter, I have brought a friend to see you. He is a real hot-headed Southerner, and I have been trying to convert him, but have been almost ready to give it up as a hopeless task. I thought as you are so much better posted than I am on the subject, you might be able to convert him from the error of his ways. He is a favorite fellow, my College chum. He has only one fault, he will defend Slavery. Care him of that, and I think he will be as perfect as young men generally are."

Friend Carpenter smiled at this good-natured reply, and said, "It takes time for all things. Perhaps your friend is not so incorrigible as you think he is."

"I don't know," said Charles, "but here he is; he can speak for himself."

"On the system is well enough of itself, but like other things, it is liable to abuse."

"I think, my young friend," said Thomas, "that you have never examined the system by the rule of impartial justice, which tells us to do to all men as we would have them do to us. If this had, there would not talk of the abuse of Slavery; when the system is as abused itself. I am afraid that he never engaged the depth of his wickedness. They look too honest and frank to defend this system from conviction. Has there ever examined it?"

"Why, no, I have always been used to it."

Louis, who liked the honest bluntness of the Quaker, would have willingly prolonged the conversation, simply for the sake of the argument, but just then Missie entered, holding in her hand a bunch of flowers, and started to show them to her father, before she perceived that any company was in the room.

"Oh, father," said she, "see what I have brought you!" when her eyes fell upon the visitors, and a bright blush overspread her cheeks, lending it additional beauty.

Charles immediately arose, and giving her his hand, introduced her to his friend.

"I am glad to see you, Minnie; you are looking so well this summer," said Charles, gazing on her with unforgotten admiration.

"I am glad you think so," said she, with charming frankness.

Bona business having called friend Carpenter from the room, the young people had a pleasant time to themselves, talking of books, poetry, and the current literature of the day, although being strangers, their acquaintance with these things was somewhat limited. By the time they were ready to go, Thomas had re-entered the room and bidding them goodbye, cordially invited them to return again.

"What do you think of her?" said Charles to his friend.

"Beautiful as a dream. The half had not been told. Her acquaintance pays me for my trip; yes, I would like to become better acquainted with her; there was such a charming simplicity about her, and such unaffected grace that I am really delighted with her. How is it that you have never fallen in love with her?"

"Oh, I have left that for you; but in fact we have almost grown together, played with each other when we were children, until she appears like one of our family, and to marry her would be like marrying my own sister."

"How does this like Charles' friend?" said Minnie, to her adopted father.

Thomas spoke slowly and deliberately, and said, "He impresses me rather favorably. I think there's the making of a man in him. But I hear that he is pro-slavery."

"Yes, he is, but I think it is simply the result of former associations and surroundings. I do not believe that he has looked deeper than the surface of Slavery; he is quite young yet; his reflective faculties are hardly fully awakened. I believe the time will come when he will see it in its true light, and if he joins our ranks he will be an important accession to our cause. I have great hopes of him. He seems to be generous, kind-hearted, and full of good impulses, and I believe there are grand possibilities in his nature. How do you like him?"

"Oh, I was pleased with him. We had a very pleasant time together."

In a few days, Charles and Louis called again. Minnie was crocheting, and her adopted mother was occupied with sewing while Thomas engaged them in conversation, the subject being the impending conflict of Slavery, and Charles standing in favor of the South, and Thomas being equally strong in his defence of the North.

The conversation was very animated, but temperate; and when they parted, each felt confident of the rightfulness of his position.

"Come, again," said Thomas, as they were leaving; "we can't see eye to eye, but I like to have thee come."

The conversation was very pleasant with the invitation, for it gave him opportunity to see Minnie, and sometimes she would smile, or say a word or two when the discussion was beginning to verge on the borders of excitement.

The time to return to College was drawing near, and Louis begged to tell her how dear she was to him, but he never met her alone. She was so young he did not like to seek the privilege of writing to her, and yet he felt when he left the village, that it would afford him great satisfaction to hear from her.

He once hinted to Friend Carpenter that he would like to hear from his family, and that

if he was too busy perhaps Miss Minnie might find time to drop a line, but Thomas did not take the hint, and so the matter ended; he hoping in the meantime to meet her again, and renew their very pleasant acquaintance.

(To be continued.)

Communications.

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REBELEON RAMPANT IN THE UNITED STATES.

BROTHER TANNER—You and your numerous patrons will not be a little surprised to learn that our old and once honored friend and advocate of African Methodism, Augustus R. Green, having been removed from the pastoral charge of "Good Hope Mission" in the hands of the Baltimore Conference, on account of his *double dealing* policy and treachery, has returned to his former field of action in Canada.

Monday, the 10th inst., his General Conference (7) convened in Windsor, Ontario, with perhaps a half dozen men, claiming to be his servants, and we may be obliged, if we mention the names of Henry Henderson, of Louisville, Kentucky, and William Douglas, extensively known in the Western States, as the leading spirits of the Conference.

The afternoon Session was occupied with a "warm" discussion of the report of the Episcopal Committee. The committee complained of their Episcopal head, A. B. Green, for having abandoned the churches in Canada, and removing with his family to the United States, and becoming a member and minister of the A. M. E. Church by joining the Baltimore Conference and receiving an appointment from the hands of one of her Bishops.

It was also argued, that he (A. B. Green) should return with his family to Canada, and confine his labors to British soil. This A. B. Green refused to do, stating that "he had tried Canada several years, and could not be sustained—their cause was growing weaker constantly, and that they must extend their church to the United States, or he should abandon them at once and forever."

The matter was finally compromised by changing the name of their Church from "British" to "Independent Methodist Episcopal Church," which, judging from the name and the circumstances giving rise to it, is to know no bounds, neither race of nationality and truth, nor morality and virtue.

These distinguished reformers are to open their halcyon in the United States, retaining the same views as to church polity, doctrines and usage, as is now held by all the Episcopal Methodists in the country. Why this effort to start an "Independent" Methodist Church, without a single principle involved?

It is to gratify a *delusional* ambition; to introduce among our people in the United States the same *refugee warfare*, which has so long weakened the energies, and blighted the hopes of our Canadian brethren.

Let all the friends of Union and Methodism in the United States mark these apertures of "Independence," and treat them accordingly. Let the ministers of Christ show them no quarter, by utterly disowning their efforts to sow the seeds of division, and to gender strife amongst the people.

I hope to live to see the day when all the now existing branches of the Methodist family in this entire country shall be one, and a grand sentiment that shall move forward in the great work of evangelizing the world.

To secure no glorious a result, we should labor to promote peace, and union, by dis-

seminating, in every possible way, division and rebellion.

Yours for the right,
W. S. LANFORD.
Detroit, Mich., May 15th, 1869.

For the Christian Recorder.

LETTER FROM BALTIMORE.

REV. B. T. TANNER—Sir: I thought it would encourage some of our ministers to let them know what can be done by perseverance when surrounded by financial difficulties, looking our Church as an example. You know I informed you a few days since, that we were in a great financial struggle, trying to raise means to meet a note given by the Trustees, which now will be due June 1st. All the energies of the minister and trustees were taxed to their greatest capacity what to do to accomplish our object. We went to work with a will, saying our wants first before the Lord, then before the people. The result of our labor was, yesterday, we collected the round sum of four hundred and two dollars. Thanks to Him who watches over the sparrows.

Yours truly,
D. W. MOORE.
Baltimore, May 31, 1869.

For the Christian Recorder.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

MESSES. EDITORS—The A. M. E. Church in this part of our work, has been visited by our beloved Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John M. Brown, who indeed has strengthened our cords, deepened our stakes and added power to our branch of the great Methodist family. His preaching was attended with the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. The Bishop is indefatigable in his labors. He visited six points of my work, preached eight times, dedicated two churches, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper four times, ordained a deacon, baptized two children, addressed the Young Men's Free Enterprise Association, and also addressed the Sabbath-school twice at their May day celebration and at their picnic, all of which was done in a masterly style.

I shall leave the Bishop to say what he thinks of this part of his work. But I am glad for this much, Messrs. Editors, he said that he was not ashamed of us, which (in these times of reconstruction) is saying a great deal. May the Lord bless all our dear Bishops and make them abundantly useful in his divine work.

Yours in the love of Jesus,
A. THOS. CARA, P. Elder.
Georgetown, S. C., May 20th, 1869.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WILFREDFORD.

Monies received from the following named ministers up to May 5, 1869:

Rev. Wm. Brown, Medville, Ohio	\$6.25
Kentucky Conference, per Bishop Payne	6.20
Rev. D. W. Moore, Baltimore, Md.	7.50
Rev. Green, Washington, Pa.	12.50
Rev. Wm. Ralph, Brownsville, Pa.	18.00
Rev. R. A. Johnson, Toledo, Ohio	20.00
Rev. Daniel Cooper	4.25
Rev. L. Francis, Bowling Green, Ky.	7.00
Rev. J. Kaden, Zanesville, O.	16.00
Rev. H. J. Young	12.00
Rev. E. W. S. Hammond, Cincinnati	50.00
Rev. J. T. Lemley, Lebanon, Cir.	6.18
Rev. J. Embury, Leavenworth, Ka.	32.00
Rev. R. A. Hall, Washington, D. C.	55.00
Rev. J. W. Hutton, Lawrence, Ka.	10.00
Rev. R. O. Morison, Louisville	40.00
Rev. H. J. Young, Louisville, Ky.	10.00
Rev. T. H. Jackson, Danville, Ky.	10.00

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J. G. GRIFIN, Treasurer.

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THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER.

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Selections.

WHAT OUR FRIENDS SAY.

The *Christian Recorder*, organ of the African M. E. Church, and published at Philadelphia, recently commenced a new and improved plan, with a very considerable change of opinion in other respects. We are glad to hear that its "aim is brightening."—*Christian Advocate*, N. Y. July 1.

We notice a very favorable change in the *Christian Recorder*. The former awkward size has been reduced to proper dimensions, with "hard times," and it appears with a new historical head which is really commendable. The *Recorder* is the organ of the A. M. E. Church, and is conducted very ably by Mr. Tanner.—*Radical Standard*, N. O. June 20.

The *Christian Recorder*, organ of the African M. E. Church, comes in reduced size and improved form. The change is doubtless a sign of real progress.—*North Western Christian Advocate*, June 30.

MISSIONARY NEWS.

Thos. S. Nelson, Secretary of the Pennsylvania College Society issues the following appeal.

We earnestly request each Pastor to remember the excellent plan, suggested for many successive years by the Pennsylvania College Society. The people of the United States are invited to contribute to the fund, which will be used to send a student to the college. While we celebrate the fourth of July as the anniversary of our country, let us also remember the needs of our African brethren. The people of Liberia are celebrating the twenty-fourth of July as the day when "reviving missions" were first sent to the Great Arbour of human events. Their representatives are now in our country, and we are invited to contribute to the fund, which will be used to send a student to the college.

The first, second, third, and fourth Sunday in July, let us give freedom to our African brethren. Let us also remember the needs of our African brethren. The people of Liberia are celebrating the twenty-fourth of July as the day when "reviving missions" were first sent to the Great Arbour of human events. Their representatives are now in our country, and we are invited to contribute to the fund, which will be used to send a student to the college.

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Information wanted of Mary Ann and Noddie Johnston. When last heard from they were in Germantown, Philadelphia. Pa. Address: Wm. Johnston, Corp. Cal. 15th Infantry, Fort Meade, New Mexico.

Information wanted—Martha T. A. formerly of Baltimore, Md. is desirous of learning the whereabouts of her sister, Margaret Norris and Ann Beasley, who Mary Hall, all of Baltimore. My mother was known as Martha Beasley. My father would be thankful to receive from Martha T. A. No. 164 Wilkes St., Detroit, Michigan.

Ministers in Baltimore will please read this in their churches. July 5-12.

There will be a grand rally at Zion Mission A. M. E. Church, July 15th, 1869, for the benefit of that church. Some of our able preachers will be on hand. We hope to have the patronage of all.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

A. M. E. Church, July 15th, 1869. The attendance at the Sunday School of the A. M. E. Church, July 15th, 1869, was as follows: Total, 1,200. Boys, 600. Girls, 600.

HUNTER & THOMAS, Pittsburgh, Pa.

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY, XENIA, GREENE CO., OHIO.

For the education of young gentlemen and young ladies, the University of Wilberforce, Xenia, Greene Co., Ohio, is now open to receive students.

THE THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT, 34th The Medical Department.

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Advertisement.

TANNER'S APOLOGY.

African Methodism.

A Shorter History of the Rise and Progress of the A. M. CHURCH, with a Defense of the same.

By H. T. TANNER, Editor.

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covers him the providence of God to

ward this family. Surely a year ago, Mr.

Rodgers himself died, and at a moment

the last expected. A few weeks since

McClure, a brother to Mr. Rodgers, fell

while vainly trying to reach home, but

among her grief she could not be there

to comfort her. On the day of her death

was accompanied by her daughter Anna, a bright

and cheerful girl, who was her grief, when

Anna, who was brought that Anna had fallen

a victim to the cruel weed. Going into

the room, she found another young man

and a gentleman, all three had risen

to no more. How crushing this news was

can be imagined but not described. But

reaved widow, friends sympathize with her

in her deep distress, and stranger friends

drop the sympathetic tear at this account

of sorrow. Prayers go up for her, that

she may find faith that she is not in this

dark hour, but that mightiest believe that

"a seed is sown, and it will grow."

THE CHURCH RECORDERS.

Let us minister first this fortnight

pastor designed for the youth of our Church

let us Superintendent forget it. Of course

we may say on the teachers. Every Church

has a paper for children. We must have

the General Book Seward, with soon

its prospect. Look over it. The

Baltimore Standard ready to accept our

effort. Remember the first number will be

issued Jan. 1, 1899. Let those who lead

thousands of our youth, be prepared to lead

the American of today, but a strong bond

South with the North and the East with

the West.

GEN. E. M. GREGORY.

By an announcement on the 1st page

of our issue, we have been invited to

attend a meeting in Bethel church, Sep-

tember 9th. We have been glad that our

people are to have an opportunity of

addressing the Church. We know that they will

be pleased. In the spring of 1892, Gen. Gregory

was Pastor of Bethel church, Alexandria, Va.

He had the honor of coming to the

Bethel church on that territory. Bitter were

the prejudices against him, and determined

the efforts to keep him out. To have our

people, who stood as a common sense

force. To worship at last became so

popular that we were compelled to

proceed to the house of the West, and

gladly did he give it. We will remember

his smile, while his words of assurance

still ring in our ears.

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